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The major functions of the rear services were to supply units with all such necessary supplies and equipment as ammunition, weapons, equipment, transportation, food clothing, pay, etc.

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In the Hq Co and MG Co of the 46th Gds Mecz Regt the first sergeant issued all such necessary supplies as clothing, gun cleaning equipment, etc. There were no regularly assigned supply clerks to help the first sergeant but he selected some EM to assist him whenever the need arose. There was no supply at the battalion level. [redacted] the supply service at the regimental level included a major as the deputy for supply, a captain as the mess officer, a captain as the clothing issue officer, a lieutenant as the POL officer, and a number of EM. Assisting the regimental deputy for supply in the supply of ammunition were one NCO and two privates. The regiment also had some units for the repair and maintenance of weapons and equipment [redacted]

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The 46th Gds Mecz Regt received its supplies from the 13th Gds Mecz Div. The supplies were moved by four 1½-ton Ford trucks which were organic to the 46th Gds Mecz Regt.

7.

The 46th Gds Mecz Regt had sufficient organic transportation for all its personnel, weapons and equipment.

the 46th Gds Mecz Regt had eight jeeps and about 100 trucks. there were two new ZIS-151 4-ton trucks and two German Diesel trucks; the rest of the trucks consisted of Dodge 3/4-ton, Ford 1½-ton, ZIS-5 and Studebaker 3-ton trucks.

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The ZIS-5 and Studebaker trucks were used as prime movers for mortars and AT guns. The Dodge trucks were used as personnel carriers and the Ford trucks for hauling supplies. The jeeps were for the regimental commander, the chief of staff, and the CO's of the two rifle battalions, the tank battalion, and the other battalions. The regiment also had some T-34 tanks, type BA-64 armored cars, armored cars, motorcycles, and SP guns. The two ZIS-151 4-ton trucks and the two German Diesel trucks were used as mobile repair shops. One Studebaker 3-ton truck was used as a mobile regimental headquarters. One ZIS-5 was used for wire laying purposes. Most of these trucks were on blocks in storage.

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[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] at Chop /4825N-2211E/ troops were transferred from trains running on 5-foot gauge tracks to trains running on 4'-8 1/2" gauge tracks [redacted]

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[redacted]
Motor transport convoys adhered strictly to specific speed regulation tables. All the vehicles of each battalion were formed into individual sections within the regimental convoy. The regimental CO indicated the speed at which the convoy was to move, usually at 20-30 kmph. The distance between vehicles was 20-30 m. The staff officer posted five or six men from regimental Hq as "regulators" to control the convoy at various crossings. [redacted]

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The typical ration used by Soviet troops in Austria was as follows:

Breakfast: Broth or soup, tea with sugar
 Dinner: Soup with meat, potatoes, or cabbage
 Supper: Potatoes or macaroni, broth or meat,
 bread (800 grams per day in summer, 900
 grams per day in winter)

EM were also issued two packages of tobacco (makhorka) every 10 days. The same rations were issued summer and winter; the only difference was in the bread issue. On holidays, EM received more meat.

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The following issue was given to EM

One overcoat - for two years
 Two pairs of breeches - each for eight months
 Two blouses - each for eight months
 One summer hat - for one year
 One winter hat - for one year
 One pair of shoes - for eight months
 Footwraps (in lieu of socks) - two winter and two summer
 pairs, to last one year
 One pair of mittens - for the entire service period
 One leather belt (worn over blouse) - to last the period
 of service.
 One canvas belt strap (for trousers) - to last the period
 of service
 Underwear - changed every 10 days at the time of bathing

In addition, the EM were issued:

One gas mask
 One knapsack
 Mess gear and aluminum flask
 One shovel
 One pillow
 One woolen blanket
 Two sheets
 One mattress
 One towel
 One bar of soap (soap could be obtained about once a
 month from the first sergeant)
 Sewing equipment

All EM had the same type of uniform which was made of cotton and was to be used for both summer and winter. Officers' uniforms were of better quality than that of the EM; their winter uniform was made of a good quality wool and their summer uniform of a better quality cotton than used in EM uniforms.

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17.

New issues were made only after an item was used for the prescribed length of time, as indicated in paragraph 16 above. If boots needed mending the first sergeant issued the individual another pair until the individual's boots were repaired. The same was true for worn or torn uniforms.

The loss of any item of issue resulted in a deduction from the individual's pay. Upon receiving a new issue, the EM had to turn in the old.

18.

The 46th Gds Mecz Regt received its POL supplies from a storage point somewhere in Vienna. It was transported in barrels on ZIS-5 trucks and in special ZIS tank trucks belonging to either the 13th Gds Mecz Div or the 46th Gds Mecz Regt.

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the supply of artillery items
the regimental supply officer requisitioned these supplies from Div Hqs.

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the supply of motor vehicles
the regimental supply officer requisitioned these supplies from Div Hqs.

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the supply of artillery, vehicles,
engineer, signal, or chemical equipment
the regimental supply officer requisitioned these supplies from Div Hqs.

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The 46th Gds Mecz Regt had eight Willys jeeps and [redacted] 1 1/2-ton trucks, [redacted] half-trucks and armored cars, [redacted] 3/4-ton trucks, and Studebaker 3-ton trucks

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There were also two German Diesel trucks which were used as mobile repair trucks. [redacted] also [redacted] German telephones and switchboards.

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The 46th Gds Mecz Regt had two ZIS-151 4-ton repair trucks and two German Diesel trucks which were used for the repair of weapons and vehicles. [redacted] also had two shoe-makers and two tailors for the repair of items issued to EN. [redacted]

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The 46th Gds Mecz Regt had a school for drivers which consisted of a three to four months course of instruction in driving and the mechanics and maintenance of vehicles.

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The 46th Gds Mecz Regt had a sanitary unit which consisted of one doctor with the rank of captain in the medical corps and four to five EM assistants. The 13th Gds Mecz Div had a medical battalion.

female physicians and nurses

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While in the field, troops were supposed to drink only that water which was supplied by the field kitchens and which was under the control of the food supply officer.

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The 46th Gds Mecz Regt had a PX which sold the following:

Soviet, Austrian and Bulgarian cigarettes	-2.10 schillings per package of 25 cigarettes
Bulgarian candy	-2.50 to 3.50 schillings a bar
100 envelopes	-1 schilling
Razors (Austrian)	-4 schillings
Bulgarian cookies and bisquits	-prices unknown
Uniform collars	-two for a schilling
Socks	-10 schillings up
Shoes, civilian	-150 to 350 schillings
Towels	-10 to 25 schillings
Watches	-400 to 800 schillings
Rugs	-150 to 1000 schillings
Bulgarian and Hungarian canned foods	-prices unknown

various woollens, cloth, and dress materials for sale.

cloth for a woman's evening dress sold for 75 schillings per meter, which is about five times cheaper than in the USSR. Near the vehicle parking areas of the 46th Gds Mecz Regt was a USIA sales store where officers, EM and Soviet civilian female personnel could purchase liquor even though the sale of alcoholic drinks to Soviet troops is strictly prohibited by directives. The USIA sales store sold alcohol (spirt) for 28 schillings a bottle and various other liquors for 20 to 40 schillings a bottle.

36.

No attention was paid to alphabetical order or rank in paying EM. The men were not required to salute or go through any ceremony other than sign the pay-roll.

the monthly pay received by certain NCO's and officers: sgt, 70 schillings and 112 rubles; senior sgt, 112 schillings and 150 rubles; first sgt, 200 schillings and an unknown amount of rubles; re-enlistee (sverkhs-roochnik), 650 schillings and an unknown amount of rubles; lieutenant, 1,200 schillings and 1,200 rubles; colonel, 3,800 schillings and an unknown amount of rubles. In no case are the rubles paid directly to the individual; instead, they are credited to his account in the USSR.

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